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Statement by the Hamilton County Commission on Tracie Hunter's Sentencing

A grave injustice occurred Monday in the Hamilton County Courthouse as the sentence imposed upon former Hamilton County Juvenile Court Judge Tracie Hunter leaves many questioning fairness of the local justice system. Incarcerating Judge Hunter makes no sense given the nature of the offense involved.

Since her conviction by the court in 2014, Judge Hunter has caused no harm to society, has done extensive work benefiting local communities through her church and personal volunteer work, and worked tirelessly to care for her aging mother. Dragging her into a cell in the Hamilton County Justice Center when she is neither dangerous nor violent is unjust and serves as a further example of the need for criminal justice reform in our local courthouse.

At this point -- taking into consideration what Judge Hunter has endured over the last five years -- incarceration of someone who is both non-violent and not a threat to society is beyond the scope of what a system truly committed to justice would prescribe. Our community gains nothing from incarceration given the punishing effects that this matter has had on Judge Hunter's personal and professional life over the last five years. We, as a community, should seek restorative justice rather than retribution.

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